

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: [Printing Machine Operators \(51-5023\)](#)

Associated Occupation: [Prepress Technicians and Workers \(51-5022\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 48

Focus Occupation: Printing Machine Operators (51-5023)

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Computers and Electronics	8.4	16.3	5.6	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
English Language	11.2	14.1	8.2	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Communications and Media	5.3	10.8	1.4	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Design	5.2	7.3	3.1	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 72

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Operation Monitoring	6.6	8.3	11.1	>> Skill level is likely more than sufficient
Equipment Maintenance	3.5	5.9	7.7	> Skill level is likely sufficient
Repairing	3.4	5.2	6.2	> Skill level is likely sufficient

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 78

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Near Vision	11.1	11.6	12.2	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Oral Comprehension	12.5	10.2	10.7	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Oral Expression	12.4	9.8	10.5	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Problem Sensitivity	11.1	9.7	9.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Information Ordering	9.9	9.0	9.5	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Visualization	7.5	8.6	9.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Visual Color Discrimination	6.4	7.5	10.5	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 98

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Adjust production equipment/machinery setup	25
Assure quality control in printing processes	92
Clean equipment or machinery	20
Determine film exposure settings	89
Determine specifications	67
Develop film or other photographic medium	87
Distinguish colors	44
Examine products or work to verify conformance to specifications	15
Fabricate printing plates	99
Identify color or balance	69
Install equipment or attachments on machinery or related structures	48
Load or unload material or workpiece into machinery	34
Maintain consistent production quality	50
Maintain or repair industrial or related equipment/machinery	39
Maintain production or work records	19
Measure, weigh, or count products or materials	17
Mix paint, ingredients, or chemicals, according to specifications	35
Monitor production machinery/equipment operation to detect problems	27
Operate cameras	74
Operate graphic reproduction equipment	85
Operate printing equipment/machinery	84
Operate scanner	81
Perform safety inspections in manufacturing or industrial setting	33

Process photographic prints	85
Read production layouts	66
Read specifications	23
Read work order, instructions, formulas, or processing charts	9
Set page layout or composition	82
Set up production equipment or machinery	51
Strip negatives	99
Understand technical operating, service or repair manuals	6
Use color analyzer	95
Use densitometer	95
Use hand or power tools	2
Use precision measuring tools or equipment	17

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: n/a

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Tools and Technologies

Exclusivity

Tools and technology data is unavailable for one or both occupations.

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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